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SHORTAGE OF SCIENCE TEACHERS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of competent teachers to impart qualitative science education in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to engage science graduate and post graduate students to sort out this problem and also the problem of unemployed youth; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH)

(a) & (b): The Indian National Science Academy(INSA) in collaboration with the National Council of Applied Economic Research(NCAER) has brought out a document depicting the status of Science in India with the title "India Science Report". The report among several other things mentions about the availability of good science teachers. However, no shortage of science teachers is reported by any organization to this Ministry.

(c) & (d): For the schools coming under the purview of the State Governments, they have to take a decision regarding competent science teachers. As far as the schools run by Central Government are concerned, there is no shortage of competent science teachers. Recruitment of teachers to these schools is made as per the laid down rules and procedures.